
Remarks / Arguments & Status

The application presently contains the following claims:

<i>Independent Claim #</i>	<i>Dependent Claim #s</i>
1 (withdrawn)	2-12 (withdrawn)
13	14-19, 36-40
20	21-26, 41-45
27 (withdrawn)	28-35 (withdrawn)

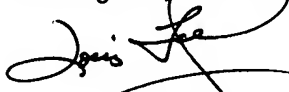
Claims 17-20 and 24-25 now correctly have the identifier of "original", a label which was inadvertently omitted in the previous amendment response.

Request for Reconsideration

Applicant believes that all independent claims clearly define over the prior art and that the distinctions between the present invention and the prior art would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Additionally, the remaining dependent claims, (including withdrawn dependent claims pursuant to the restriction and species election requirement) by the limitations contained in the base independent claims, are felt to be patentable over the prior art by virtue of their dependency from independent claims which distinguish over the prior art of record. All pending claims are thought to be allowable and reconsideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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